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Cancer Research Tax Check-off Program
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BACKGROUND

In April 2004, Assembly Bill 351, establishing a breast cancer research program tax check-off, was signed into law as 2003 Wisconsin Act 176. Under its provisions, every individual filing a Wisconsin income tax return may provide any amount of additional payment or refund to support the breast cancer research program. Senate Bill 321, which revises the administration of the individual tax check-offs available under Wisconsin law, became law under 2011 Wisconsin Act 222 in April 2012. This law consolidates the breast and prostate cancer options into a single cancer research check-off option.

Under Act 222, the amount received, after administrative expenses are deducted, is divided evenly between the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) and the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center (UWCCC). The money must be used for cancer research and may not be used to supplant other funds available.

This funding comes at a time when opportunities abound to leverage the research capabilities at both institutions to make a significant difference for the citizens of Wisconsin in the outcomes attributed to this disease. Research conducted in Wisconsin in collaboration with colleagues around the country is directly responsible for advances in breast cancer prevention, detection and treatment that are reflected in encouraging cancer statistics. Breast cancer death rates in Wisconsin declined 31 percent since the mid-1990s, from 29.6 deaths per 100,000 in 1995 to 20.5 per 100,000 in 2012 (the most recent year for which data are available). The state also saw a rapid drop in the rate of new breast cancer diagnoses between 2000 and 2004 (from 141.6 per 100,000 to 119.9 per 100,000). However, since then the incidence of the disease has not changed. In 2005, the incidence rate was 123.5 per 100,000 and in 2012 the rate was 125.4 per 100,000.

Continued commitment in our state to innovate approaches to cancer prevention, outreach, screening and treatment is essential to continue to reduce the rate of new cancer diagnoses and deaths. Over time these resources have been used to support programs that increase access to treatment facilities in rural areas and increase outreach efforts that promote screening. This investment has had a positive impact, with 78% of Wisconsin women over 40 having had a mammogram within the past two years in 2012. While there is still room for improvement to reach the Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan's goal of 90% screened by 2015, the state has observed an increase in breast cancer that is diagnosed in the earlier stages (in situ), from 8 to 20 percent over 1990 to 2012. Among invasive breast cancers, there was also an increase in the percent diagnosed at the localized (non-metastatic) stage from 58 percent to 64 percent between 1995 and 2011. Despite this progress, breast cancer remains the leading cause of cancer in women in Wisconsin and cancer as a whole now exceeds heart disease as a major cause of mortality. For these reasons, continued research is needed to identify ways to prevent breast cancer, to increase the proportion of women who are getting mammograms and to develop more effective treatments for both early- and late-stage disease.

The UWCCC remains committed to its goals: 1) to conduct the highest quality research into the origins and control of cancer; 2) to translate these research findings to evaluation in the clinic through well-designed clinical trials with corresponding biologic endpoints whenever possible; and 3) to provide the best care possible to all cancer patients by carefully integrating high quality, cutting-edge care with clinical research in a compassionate and individualized manner.

The UWCCC primary catchment area consists of 16 counties in southern Wisconsin, with a population of 1,294,876 in 2014. Of the 16 counties, 14 are rural. In total, 92.5% of the catchment area population is white and 7.5% is non-white (4.0% black, 0.6% American Indian, and 2.9% Asian). In terms of ethnicity, 6.0% of the catchment area is Hispanic. The overall minority population in the state is slightly higher (11.2% non-white race; 6.5% Hispanic ethnicity).

RESEARCH PROJECT SELECTION

For many years, the UWCCC has used the same well-tested process for identifying innovative early pilot projects for funding. We use our typical pilot project procedure for soliciting, reviewing and awarding pilot projects in cancer research that will be funded by the tax check-off. A solicitation of proposals is sent to all cancer center members defining the subject matter and criteria for selection. Proposals are reviewed and ranked by the UWCCC Scientific Review Committee. This Committee, appointed by the Director, is comprised of established Cancer Center scientists with broad representation across the many disciplines that makeup the UWCCC membership. The Committee assesses the scientific merit of the proposal as well as the likelihood that the funding will produce important results, in a method similar to that used by an NIH study section. The committee evaluates, scores, and ranks the proposals in order to provide the Director recommendations for funding. All studies have Human Subjects, Animal Safety and Biological Safety approvals before commencing (if applicable).

PROGRESS REPORT ON FUNDED CANCER RESEARCH PROJECTS

This progress report covers the funding received from the cancer research tax check-off program from FY05 thru FY15, totaling $ $1,348,984.43.

<u>Development of High Throughput Cell Culture System for Breast Cancer Research</u>

PI: David Beebe, PhD

The project supports the development of micro scale tools to enable novel biological insights into cancer biology. A focus has been the development of improved methods to capture and analyze circulating tumor cells from prostate and breast cancer patients (in collaboration with Doug McNeel, Josh Lang, Kari Wisinski, Amye Tevaarwerk).

<u>Developing a DNA Sample Collection from DCIS Case Controlled Population</u>

PIs: Michael Gould, PhD & Amy Trentham-Dietz, PhD

Breast cancer risk is a polygenic trait. To identify breast cancer modifier alleles that have a high population frequency and low penetrance we used a comparative genomics approach. Quantitative trait loci (QTL) were initially identified by linkage analysis in a rat mammary carcinogenesis model followed by verification in congenic rats carrying the specific QTL allele under study. The Mcs5a locus was identified by fine-mapping Mcs5 in a congenic model. Here we characterize the Mcs5a locus, which when homozygous for the Wky allele, reduces mammary cancer risk by 50%. The Mcs5a locus is a compound QTL with at least two noncoding interacting elements: Mcs5a1 and Mcs5a2. The resistance phenotype is only observed in rats carrying at least one copy of the Wky allele of each element on the same chromosome. Mcs5a1 is located within the ubiquitin ligase Fbxo10, whereas Mcs5a2 includes the 5' portion of Frmpd1. Resistant congenic rats show a down-regulation of Fbxo10 in the thymus and an up-regulation of Frmpd1 in the spleen. The association of the Mcs5a1 and Mcs5a2 human orthologs with breast cancer was tested in two population-based breast cancer case-control studies (approximately 12,000 women). The minor alleles of rs6476643 (MCS5A1) and rs2182317 (MCS5A2) were independently associated with breast cancer risk. The minor allele of rs6476643 increases risk, whereas the rs2182317 minor allele decreases risk. Both alleles have a high population frequency and a low penetrance toward breast cancer risk.

Added Value of Advanced Methods for Breast MRI Diagnosis

PI: Frederick Kelcz, MD, PhD

We are testing newer MRI methods, specifically, diffusion weighted imaging (DWI), Blood Oxygen Level Dependent (BOLD) imaging, MR Spectroscopy (MRS) and very high temporal resolution imaging to determine if these methods may add value to our routine breast MRI set of sequences.

A Biologic Study to Evaluate the Feasibility of Detecting a Potential Molecular Marker, CRD-BP, in Metastatic Colon and Breast Cancers

PI: William Schelman, MD, PhD

This project is a pilot study to assess the feasibility of a rapid new cancer detection test for CDP-BP mRNA in blood from patients with previously untreated, metastatic colon and breast cancers. The assay involves performing a reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) on the RNA from circulating cancer cells obtained from blood samples. Thus, the test is sensitive, noninvasive and relatively inexpensive. The RT-PCR findings will be correlated to protein expression in paraffin embedded tissue from the patients' original biopsies. Findings from this study will provide support for a larger study to assess the specificity and sensitivity of the CRD-BP assay in early colon and breast cancer detection and may also provide a therapeutic target for future drug development.

Developing a Mouse Model to Mechanistically Interrogate the Prostate Cancer Risk Associated 8a24 Genomic Regions

PI: Michael Gould, PhD

Variants in the human 8q24 gene desert have been associated with various types of cancer including prostate, colorectal and breast cancer. A hotspot of cancer-associated variants is located on chr 8, between 128 Mb and 129 Mb, roughly 200 Kb upstream of the transcriptional start site of the proto-oncogene MYC. The non-protein coding nature of the polymorphisms suggests that the causative variants may be implicated in gene expression regulation, with MYC as the obvious strong candidate. Recently, however, a functional prostate cancer susceptibility variant in 8q24 was shown to associate with transcript levels of PVT1, a pre-miRNA transcript located downstream of MYC. It is currently unknown if MYC and/or PVT1 are under control of genetic elements in the 8q24 gene desert region in a tissue-specific manner and if deregulated expression of MYC and/or PVT1 has phenotypic consequences. Using mice clone-assisted genome editing, we genetically engineered a mouse model to address these questions.

The Role of Stroma in Promoting Metastasis in Human Breast Cancer

PI: Mark Burkard, MD, PhD

Metastatic breast cancer is an incurable disease. As such, primary therapy immediately after diagnosis is focused on eradicating early stage disease and preventing metastases. Current predictors of adjuvant therapy benefit are primarily based on anatomic distribution and properties of the primary tumor. An increasing body of evidence has highlighted the additional important roles of non-cancerous portions of tumor, i.e. stroma, in promoting or hindering tumor growth and metastasis. This study seeks to determine whether the breast stromal microenvironment is an important determinant of tumor growth and metastatic potential in early-stage breast cancer. If this is the case, it will lead to further studies to identify chemokines or cellular receptors that mediate stroma-tumor effects. Such factors may serve as biomarkers, allowing improved patient selection for adjuvant therapy. They could also serve as therapeutic targets for new treatments.

Arrayed Microchannels to Improve Circulating Tumor Cell (CTC) Capture and Analysis

PI: David Beebe, PhD

The ability to measure and characterize tumor cells circulating in the blood is evolving as a useful marker of tumor progression and a potential minimally invasive means to guide therapeutic decisions. Current technologies simply count tumor cells but do not allow function assays. If CTCs can be cultured and subjected to functional or molecular characterization, they will provide insight into tumor biology. This ability will facilitate our discovery of target individualized cancer therapies. This project will develop a microfluidic assay that can be easily interfaced with existing capture methods and provide the ability to perform functional and genetic assays of CTCs.

Obesity and the Quality of Breast and Prostate Cancer Care

PI: Amy Trentham-Dietz, PhD

There has been speculation that the quality of care that a patient receives could be related to various physical conditions such as obesity. This project will link data from two studies currently underway to jointly examine the quality of care from the patient perspective in relation to whether the treatment received was consistent with recommended guidelines for breast and prostate cancer or whether obesity played a role in the decision process.

The Role of Fusion Genes in Breast Cancer

PI: Mark Burkard, MD, PhD

Recent studies have shown that fusion genes, long known to be involved in hematologic malignancies, are also important in solid tumors. One study identified over forty candidate fusions in a single breast cancer cell line, but the importance of these fusions is unknown. These fusion genes may be oncogenic (promoting cancer growth), and thus useful for predicting response to therapy. This study will identify the oncogenic potential of known fusion genes. Being able to identify fusion genes with oncogenic potential in a patient's tumor sample could have significant impact on treatment decisions and clinical management. They could be used as therapeutic targets or markers to predict therapeutic effectiveness.

Feasibility Imaging Studies for Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) Project

PI: Wei Xu, PhD

Triple negative breast cancer is associated with poor clinical outcomes. These patients do not benefit from known hormonal or molecular therapies. Recent studies have shown that Estrogen Receptor (ER)-beta is present in 50-80% of TNBC and that activation of ER-beta inhibits cell growth in cell based assays and animal models, providing the potential for effective treatment for these patients. This small feasibility study will conform that the ER-beta can be identified with PET and optical imaging and provide a method that is superior to immunohistochemical identification that is notoriously poor due to sampling errors that arise from tumor heterogeneity.

Monitoring of Estrogen Receptor-Targeted Cancer Therapy with ^{18}F-Fluoroestradiol PET

PI: Weibo Cai, PhD

Positron emission tomography (PET) imaging with 18F-Fluoroestradiol (18F-FES) has been well-established for predicting hormone response in ERα-positive breast cancers. However, whether 18F-FES can be taken up by ERβ-positive triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) remains unknown. Our ultimate goal is to develop/validate 18F-FES PET as a screening tool in TNBC patients to predict their response to ERβ-based treatment. To test the proof-of-principle, the propose research will determine if 18F-FES PET can measure ERβ expression and activity in TNBC.

Identify the Key Chemical Groups that Define Selective ERB/AHR Ligands

PI: Yongna Xing, PhD

Estrogen receptor (ER) and aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AHR) responds to broad cellular and environmental chemicals with shared characteristics of ligand promiscuity and ligand-specific physiological consequences. Understanding the structural basis of ligand-specific signaling is crucial for modulating the function of the receptors in cancer and autoimmune disease.

Identification of ERβ-specific Effectors in Breast Cancer

PI: Wei Xu, PhD

In order to follow ERβ functionality in triple-negative breast tumors, we propose to identify ERβ effector proteins from established breast cancer cell lines. These effectors will be used for monitoring clinical response in a Phase II clinical trial operated at UWCCC.

NaF PET/CT Repeatability, Responsiveness, and Response Assessment in Patients with Metastatic Castrate-Resistant Prostate Cancer to Bone Treated with Docetaxel-Based Chemotherapy

PI: Glenn Liu, MD

Metastatic prostate cancer causes significant morbidity as it is commonly associated with the development of bone metastases. Drug development and patient management have been hampered because we do not have a good way to assess treatment response in bone. Imaging is commonly used to assess treatment response in soft tissue metastasis; however, its application in bone metastasis is limited to diagnosis and staging only. Our main goal is to develop innovative quantitative total bone imaging (QTBI) methodology that would lead to selection of candidate imaging biomarkers and enable quick assessment of treatment response in bone. QTBI is based on: (1) extraction of comprehensive functional bone information, and (2) quantitative assessment of all metastatic lesions. We propose using ^{18}F-Sodium Fluoride (NaF) PET/CT in combination with innovative image analysis methodologies to create a functional profile of the total bone, and extract a complete panel of imaging parameters for use in treatment response assessment. Our hypothesis is that QTBI will more quickly and more accurately identify patient response to therapy.

The Role of TPL2 Kinase in Regulating Macrophage-Myeloma Tumor Cell Interactions

PI: Fotis Asimakopoulos, MBBChir, PhD

Project goals: We hypothesize that monocytes/macrophages play a major, and hitherto poorly appreciated, regulatory role within myeloma niches. Macrophage activation and cytokine secretion is regulated by the serine/threonine kinase TPL2, a MAP3Kinase at the interface of the MAPK and NFκB pathways. We recently reported constitutive activation of TPL2 kinase-dependent pathways that regulate the magnitude and extent of proinflammatory activity of monocytes/macrophages within myeloma niches. Moreover we uncovered a cell autonomous, growth-promoting role of TPL2 in myeloma tumor cells. To make these discoveries, we used primary CD14+ (monocytic) and CD138+ (tumor) cells from our extensive tissue bank of over 300 myeloma bone marrows. Based on our preliminary data, we hypothesize that TPL2 kinase activity is essential to control macrophage activation and to regulate macrophage-tumor cell interaction in myeloma niches. We propose two Aims to further investigate the role of TPL2 in regulating macrophage-tumor cell interactions in vivo as well as to harness the effect of TPL2 on macrophage polarization therapeutically.

OTHER OUTCOMES

This fund has also been used for the recruitment of two faculty; Dr. Ruth O'Regan and Dr. Lisa Cadmus-Bertram. Dr. O'Regan serves as Division Head, Hematology/Oncology, and Associate Director of Faculty Development and Education, UW Carbone Cancer Center. She is an internationally recognized breast cancer

physician and researcher. Dr. O'Regan was previously a professor of hematology and medical oncology at Emory University, where she held the Louisa and Rand Glenn Family Chair in Breast Cancer Research and was the medical director at Glenn Family Breast Center of Emory University, director of the Breast Cancer Translational Research Program at the Winship Cancer Institute and chief of hematology and medical oncology at the Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady Memorial Hospital. With a highly active research program focused on identifying mechanisms of resistance to breast-cancer therapies and development of new therapies, Dr. O'Regan has been principal investigator for numerous grants and clinical trials. Her current research is focused on the development of novel therapeutic approaches to treat resistant breast cancers, including triple negative breast cancer. Dr. O'Regan has received multiple awards and is ranked by Newsweek/Castle Connolly Medical as one of the top oncologists in the nation.
Dr. Cadmus-Bertram's research focuses on the role of physical activity and obesity in cancer incidence and survivorship, with a special interest in the use of consumer-based technnologies to promote healthy lifestyles. She has been the recipient of several NCI funded projects including a four year NIH Career Development Award entitled "Sedentary Behavior And Breast Cancer: Interventions And Biomarkers,"

SUMMARY

Successful research in many areas will be required to realize definitive positive changes in the burden of cancer. We have already seen a decline in the number of deaths, but successful outcomes in research that addresses the causes, risks, prevention, and treatment of this disease will be required to eliminate the burden of this disease. This progress report provides a status report on how the proceeds from the Wisconsin Cancer Research Tax Check-off are currently being invested by the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center to bring us closer to the day when the burden from cancer is eliminated.

Grants Resulting From State Cancer Research Tax Check-Off December 31, 2014

Grant	Agency	PI	Total Award	Title	Dates of Award
133-PRJ91UU	ASH	Asimakopoulos	$150,000	The Role of TPL2 Kinase in Regulating Macrophage-Myeloma Tumor Cell Interactions	09/14/14-09/14/15
5R01CA127379-04	NIH/NCI	Burnside	$1,079,005	Machine Learning for Improved Mammography Screening	05/01/07-03/31/12
5U01ES019466-05	NIH/NIEHS	Gould	$2,173,274	Genetics of Breast Cancer Risk at Windows of Exposure	09/01/10-04/30/15
5R01ES017400-05	NIH/NIEHS	Gould/Newton	$2,086,696	Breast Cancer GWAS: Function and Environmental Interactions	12/11/08-10/31/14
5R01CA123272-05	NIH/NCI	Gould	$2,052,776	Characterizing a Breast Cancer Modifier Locus That Associates with Human Risk	07/13/06-05/31/12
W81XWH-07-1-0404	DoD/Army	Gould	$252,059	Mechanisms Underlying the Breast Cancer Susceptibility Locus Mcs5c	07/01/07-06/30/10
W81XWH-11-1-0161	DoD/Army	Gould	$127,040	Functional Analysis of the Rat Mammary Carcinoma Susceptibility Locus (Mcs5c)	06/01/11-06/30/14
W81XWH-12-1-0085	DoD/Army	Basu	$111,067	Reactive Oxygen Species Produced by Prostate Cancer Cells Cause Castrate-resistant Cell Growth by Inducing B-Cell Lymphotoxin Release	03/01/12-02/28/13
W81XWH-08-1-0525	DoD/Army	Alarid	$111,375	Microfluidic Applications in Defining Regulatory Roles of the Breast Cancer Microenvironment	08/01/08-08/31/09
5R33CA160344-03	NIH/NCI	Alarid/Beebe	$818,072	Integrated Microscale Transcriptional Profiling of Cell Communication Networks	09/12/11-08/31/15
1R01CA185251-01	NIH/NCI	Basu/Beebe/Eliceiri	$2,868,458	[PQC-3] A Metabolic Pathway Activation Marker for Prostate Cancer Prognosis	07/01/14-05/31/18
W81XWH-09-1-0192	DoD/Army	Beebe	$515,631	Arrayed Microchannel-based Assays for Circulating Tumor Cell Capture, Culture, and Analysis	07/01/09-07/31/13
W81XWH-11-1-0208	DoD/Army	Beebe	$110,980	Inhibition of Breast Cancer Progression by Blocking Heterocellular Contact between Epithelial Cells and Fibroblasts	04/01/11-04/30/13
OPP1028788	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Beebe	$2,584,034	Microfluidic Phase-Gate: Simplified Sample Preparation for POC Diagnostics in the Developing World	06/27/11-12/31/14
5R33CA137673-03	NIH/NCI	Beebe	$1,400,415	Microchannel Cell-based Assays to Enable Cancer Research	05/01/09-04/30/13
1R01EB010039-01A2	NIH/NIBIB	Beebe	$1,742,153	Understanding Cell Migration through Microscale in Vitro Models	09/01/11-06/30/15
5R01CA155192-03	NIH/NCI	Beebe/Miyamoto	$817,882	Enabling NF-kB Signal Transduction Studies in Primary Multiple Myeloma Cells	06/21/12-04/30/17

1R01CA181648-01A1	NIH/NCI	Lang/Berry Mentor: Beebe	$1,552,947	VERSA: An Integrated, Multi-Endpoint Platform for Circulating Tumor Cell Analysis	04/09/14-02/28/19
W81XWH-11-1-0648	DoD/Army	Cai	$445,454	Development of Biodegradable Zinc Oxide Nanowires Targeting Breast Cancer Metastasis	08/15/11-08/14/15
W81XWH-11-1-0644	DoD/Army	Cai	$654,418	Molecular Imaging and Therapy of Prostate Cancer	09/26/11-09/25/15
133-PRJ56DV	Pardee Foundation	Cai	$154,250	Novel Combination Therapy for Prostate Cancer	03/01/12-02/28/13
5R01CA169365-02	NIH/NCI	Cai	$887,321	Novel Combination Therapy for Prostate Cancer	04/12/13-03/31/16
RSG-13-009-01-CCE	ACS	Cai	$802,750	Imaging Biomarkers for Combination Therapy of Prostate Cancer	07/01/13-06/30/17
W81XWH-12-1-0052	DoD/Army	Lang Mentors: Beebe/McNeel	$700,785	Physician Research Training Award: Promotion of Anti-Tumor Immune Responses with Epigenetic Modifying Agents	08/01/12-07/31/17
133-PRJ54KE	PCF	Liu/Jeraj	$300,000	Developing a Novel Quantitative Bone Imaging (QTBI) Methodology to Assess Treatment Response in Metastatic Prostate Cancer	05/23/11-05/31/14
133-PRJ54XV	PCF	Liu	$634,420	Imaging Biomarkers of Treatment Response using NaF PET/CT Imaging: a Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Consortium Effort	08/03/11-08/31/15
5R03CA139548-02	NIH/NCI	Trentham-Dietz	$147,224	The Vitamin D Pathway and Mammographic Breast Density in Postmenopausal Women	06/01/09-05/31/12
5R01CA067264-14	NIH/NCI	Trentham-Dietz	$1,728,186	Breast Carcinoma in Situ: Predicting Risk and Outcomes	03/19/09-08/31/15
W81XWH11-1-0047	DoD/Army	Trentham-Dietz	$74,251	Hormonal Factors and Breast Cancer Loci	01/01/11-01/31/13
W81XWH11-1-0214	DoD/Army	Trentham-Dietz	$229,385	Tumor Microenvironment and Progression to Invasion After a Diagnosis of Ductal Carcinoma in Situ	03/01/11-09/30/13
135-135GV92	WARF	Trentham-Dietz	$33,266	Genetic Polymorphisms in Relation to Breast Cancer Survival	01/01/08-06/30/09
133-PRJ28PK	Prevent Cancer Foundation	Trentham-Dietz	$44,463	Modifiable Risk Factors for Breast Cancer Events After Diagnosis of Ductal Carcinoma in Situ (DCIS)	07/15/09-07/14/11
5R21CA170876-02	NIH/NCI	Halberg/Schelman	$350,252	Molecular Differences Predicting Tumor Progression in Colorectal Cancer (PQ #14)	09/01/12-08/31/14
5R01GM097245-04	NIH/NIGMS	Burkard	$1,373,165	Separation of Late Mitotic Functions of Polo-like Kinase 1 with Chemical Genetics	09/01/11-04/30/16
IRG-58-011-48	ACS	Burkard	$30,000	Synthetic Lethal Screen for Chemicals Targeting Polyploidy	06/0/10-05/31/12
5R01CA125387-04S1	NIH/NCI	Xu	$94,758	Transcriptional Regulation of Estrogen Receptor (ER) by CARM1	08/01/11-01/31/13
W81XWH-11-1-0237	DoD/Army	Xu	$3,649,454	Old Receptors, New Treatment Strategies for Breast Cancer	04/01/11-04/30/16
W81XWH-11-1-0165	DoD/Army	Xu	$97,292	Targeting Estrogen Receptor-Beta in Triple Negative Breast Cancer	02/01/11-02/28/14
Total Amount			**$32,984,958**		

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